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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant : Philippe Caplain et al.  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, prior to examination thereof, in the following manner.

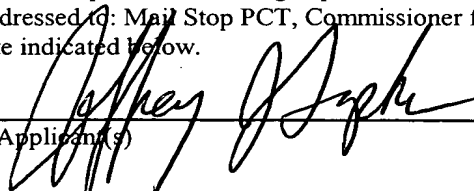
**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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